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SUBJECT: VORSTER COMMENTS ON DAR ES SALAAM MEETING

1. BEGIN SUMMARY. SPEAKING IN PARLIAMENT APRIL 18, PRIME MINISTER VORSTER CHARACTERIZED RESOLUTIONS EMANATING FROM OAU DAR ES SALAAM CONFERENCE AS "FUTILE" AND "RIDICULOUS." HE SPECIFICALLY REJECTED OAU ATTACKS ON HOMELAND POLICY AND LEADERS, AND THE DEMAND THAT SAG NEGOTIATE TOWARD MAJORITY RULE WITH SWAPO IN NAMIBIA AND AFRICAN LIBERATION MOVEMENTS WITHIN SOUTH AFRICA. VORSTER SEATHINGLY CRITICIZED LESOTHO'S FOREIGN MINISTER AND COMPLIMENTED ZAMBIA'S MWAANGA FOR THEIR DAR PERFORMANCES. PRIME MINISTER EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE THAT DESPITE OAU RESOLUTIONS TO THE CONTRARY, SAG'S CONTACTS WITH BLACK AFRICA WILL CONTINUE TO EXPAND. END SUMMARY.

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2. DURING DEBATE ON BUDGET FOR PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE, PM

VORSTER TOLD HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY MORNING APRIL 18 THAT IN HIS VIEW DAR ES SALAAM MEETING OF OAU MINISTERS HAD SOUGHT TO CLOSE DOOR ON BLACK AFRICAN DIALOGUE WITH SOUTH AFRICA EXCEPT UNDER SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES. THIS ATTEMPT, HE ASSERTED, WILL BE ULTIMATELY UNSUCCESSFUL. ACCORDING TO VORSTER, OVERRIDING OBJECTIVE OF DAR MEETING WAS TO MAINTAIN AFRICAN UNITY. CONSEQUENTLY, HE IMPLIED, MANY STATES HAD ACQUIESCED IN RADICAL RESOLUTIONS WHICH THEY, IN FACT, DO NOT SUPPORT.

3. VORSTER CHARACTERIZED RESOLUTIONS PRODUCED AT CONFERENCE (HE APPARENTLY HAS BEEN SUPPLIED TEXT OF ALL OF THEM) AS SAME OLD "FUTILE NONSENSE" HEARD BEFORE. HE SPECIFICALLY REJECTED NEW DEMAND THAT SAG RECOGNIZE SWAPO AS ONLY LEGITIMATE VOICE OF NAMIBIAN PEOPLE AND STRONGLY REITERATED HIS ANIMOSITY TOWARDS "ADVENTURER" SAM NUJOMA (SEPTTEL). ANOTHER RESOLUTION PARTICULARLY PROMPTING VORSTER'S IRE WAS ON WHICH, ACCORDING TO HIS RENDITION OF IT, FORBIDS OAU MEMBERS FROM ESTABLISHING FURTHER CONTACT WITH

LEADERS OF SOUTH AFRICAN HOMELANDS. SAME RESOLUTION ALSO APPARENTLY DEMANDS THAT SAG RECOGNIZE IMPRISONED NELSON MANDELA AND BANNED SOUTH AFRICAN LIBERATION MOVEMENTS AS TRUE VOICES OF NATION'S BLACK MAJORITY AND BEGIN IMMEDIATE NEGOTIATIONS WITH THEM. INCENSED PM TOLD HOUSE THAT "ANYBODY WHO TELLS ME I MUST DEAL WITH NELSON MANDELA CAN JUST FORGET IT."

4. VORSTER DWELLED AT LENGTH ON ROLE PLAYED AT OAU MEETING BY LESOTHO'S FOREIGN MINISTER KOTSOKWANE. HE IDENTIFIED TO HIS "GREAT DISMAY" LESOTHO AS ONE OF FOUR COUNTRIES (OTHERS BEING LIBYA, GUINEA, KENYA) WHICH WERE MOST RABIDLY ANTI-SOUTH AFRICAN AT CONFERENCE. HE SPECIFICALLY LABELLED LESOTHO AS INSTIGATOR OF OAU MEETING AND OF RESOLUTIONS CONDEMNING HOMELAND POLICIES AND LEADERS. NOTING ALLEGATIONS, THAT HOMELANDS NOT ECONOMICALLY VIABLE, HE DERISIVELY QUOTED STATISTICS COMPARING LESOTHO'S NATIONAL BUDGET WITH MUCH HIGHER FIGURES OF SEVERAL HOMELANDS. PRIME MINISTER STATED THAT PEOPLE OF LESOTHO MUST BECOME AWARE OF DAMAGE BEING DONE BY THEIR FOREIGN MINISTER AND THAT AS CHIEF MINISTER, CHIEF JONATHAN MUST BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE FOR IT.

5. IN CONTRAST TO HIS EXCORIATION OF KOTSOKWANE, VORSTER HAD KIND UNCLASSIFIED

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WORDS FOR ZAMBIAN FONMIN MWAANGA. HE DISMISSED CERTAIN OF LATTER'S HARSH CONFERENCE REMARKS ABOUT SOUTH AFRICA AS "UNDERSTANDABLE" GIVEN NATURE OF MEETING AND AUDIENCE PRESENT. HE QUOTED WITH RELISH MWAANGA'S CRITICISM OF MICROPHONE REVOLUTIONARIES NAD HIS STATEMENT ABOUT VORSTER'S INTEGRITY IN RELATION TO RHODESIAN SETTLEMENT ATTEMPTS. HE GENERALLY REFERRED TO MWAANGA'S PERFORMANCE AS THAT OF "RESPONSIBLE" STATESMAN.

6. PRIME MINISTER CONCLUDED WITH ASSERTION THAT DESPITE OAU RESOLUTIONS TO CONTRARY, HE IS CONVINCED THAT SAG'S CONTACTS WITH BLACK AFRICA WILL CONTINUE TO EXPAND AS MANY BLACK AFRICAN LEADERS SEE THIS AS LOGICAL APPROACH TO RESOLVING ISSUES OF MUTUAL CONCERN.

7. COMMENT: VORSTER APPARENTLY BELIEVES THAT MUCH OF DAR RHETORIC AND DECISIONS ARE SIMPLE ATTEMPTS TO MAINTAIN AFRICAN UNITY, AND THUS PROVIDE NO OVERWHELMING OBSTACLE TO SAG'S INTENTION TO BETTER RELATIONS WITH BLACK AFRICA. PRIME MINISTER'S RINGING ATTACK ON OAU'S CRITICISM OF HOMELAND POLICY CONGRUENT WITH HIS BELIEF THAT SEPARATE DEVELOPMENT REMAINS ONLY POSSIBLE PATH FOR SOUTH AFRICA. IN THIS REGARD, WORTHWHILE TO NOTE THAT VORSTER MADE NO ATTEMPT TO DIGNIFY WITH AN ANSWER THE OPPOSITION ARGUMENT THAT "DETENTE BEGINS AT HOME" VIA RELAXATION OF APARTHEID.
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